availing power from its gas based expansion projects on expected cost of generation on LNG. A number of beneficiaries have expressed their unwillingness to purchase power due to high cost of generation as a consequence of increase in LNG price. However, on confirmation of availability of LNG at reasonable and long term/firm price basis, NTPC would again take up with beneficiaries for their acceptance to absorb power from these projects.

Pending proposals for setting up power plants in NER

2526. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the Minister POWER of be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending with the Central Government for sanction and clearance for setting up of power plants in NE States:

(b) if so, at what stages those projects have been pending project-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to expedite the clearance of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Tripura Gas Thermal Power Project was received in Central Electricity Authority on 31.08.2000 and was considered in the meeting of Standing Projects Appraisal Committee on 29.08.2001. Techno-economic Clearance to the proejct requires tie up of certain inputs such as environmental and forest clearance, Power Apsorption etc.

Tripping off of two units of NTPC at Ramagundam

2527. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether two units NTPC at Ramagundam tripped off on October 17, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for the failure; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Two units (No. 6 and 4) of 500 MW each at Ramagundam STPS of NTPC tripped on 16th October and 17th October, 2001 respectively due to Water Wall Tube leakages, which are normal happenings and such failures are attended to promptly . Unit No. 6 which tripped on 16th October, 2001, was synchronized after attending to the leakage on 17.10.2001 while Unit No. 4 was taken out for annual boiler overhaul by NTPC.

Progress of Ramagundam Stage-III System Transmission Project

2528. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Ramagundam stage-III system Transmission Project is progressing as per schedule; and

(b) if so, by when this system will become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The investment approval for the Scheme for Strengthening of Grid System and Evacuation of Power from Ramagundam Stage-III Power Project has been issued by the Government on 30th August, 2001. The transmission project, being executive by POWERGRID, is progressing according to the schedule and is expected to become operational by August, 2005 matching with NTPC Ramagundam State-III generation project.

Generation of One Lakh MW of Power by 2012

2529. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has planned to generate an additional one lakh MW of power by 2012 base through the 16th Electric Power Survey; and

(b) if so, the expected production from different sources in the coming year, year-wise?